GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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LEPROSY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of leprosy patients in India ;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard by the World Health Organisation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a Board is proposed to be constituted to solve the problem of the lepers; and

(e) if so, the time by which leprosy is likely to be eradicated from the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The provisional number of leprosy cases in India at the end of January, 2005 is 2.07 lakh.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No such proposal is under consideration.

(e): The WHO strategy is for elimination of leprosy to bring down the prevalence rate of leprosy below 1 case per 10,000 population and not of total eradication . India aims to achieve elimination at the National level by December, 2005.